

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Farmington District Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Farmington District Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

73659

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/17/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/17/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Section 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 2 Meetings and Dates 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2

| Purpose | Start | End |
|---|------------|------------|
| The BLM's Farmington District RAC met to receive updates on current or proposed projects in the Farmington District including: the Farmington Resource Management Plan Amendment ; land use planning in the Taos Field Office; Taos general recreation planning; Farmington general recreation planning; fire & fuel plan treatments; a District overview of range and grazing permits; a Section 106 presentation; and the Four Corners Air Quality Group presentation. There was also a field trip to the Glade Run Recreation Area, Chockcherry Canyon, and the Brown Springs campground improvement area. | 01/30/2018 | 01/31/2018 |
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Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

| | Current FY | Next FY |
|---|------------|---------|
| 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

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| 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| 18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members | \$1,200.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| 18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.) | \$300.00 | \$600.00 |
| 18d. Total | \$19,500.00 | \$20,600.00 |
| 19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE) | 0.20 | 0.20 |

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The BLM's Farmington District RAC provides representative citizen council and advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management's New Mexico State Director concerning the planning and management of public land resources located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the BLM's Farmington District.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Farmington District Resource Advisory Council is composed of 10 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests include: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The meetings of the BLM Farmington District Resource Advisory Council generally occur quarterly. The frequency of meetings depends on the issues in which the BLM needs advice.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC develops recommendations for the BLM regarding the preparation, amendment,

and implementation of land use plans for the public lands and resources within the jurisdiction of the RAC. This may require the RAC to, at the direction of the designated Federal officer, gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, hear public comments, and provide advice on the issues presented.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public. Notices of the meetings are published in the Federal Register, posted on the BLM New Mexico website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks

The Farmington District RAC met twice in FY 2018.

Designated Federal Officer

Victoria Barr BLM Farmington District Manager

| Committee Members | Start | End | Occupation | Member Designation |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---|-----------------------|
| Brown, Martha | 01/30/2015 | 01/30/2018 | Real Estate | Representative Member |
| Hageman, Wendy | 12/04/2015 | 12/04/2018 | Volunteer | Representative Member |
| Johnson, Carmen | 01/04/2017 | 01/04/2020 | Retired | Representative Member |
| Martinez, Leonard | 01/04/2017 | 01/30/2018 | President of the San Joaquin Del Rio de Chama Land Grant | Representative Member |
| O'Neill, Michael | 12/04/2015 | 12/04/2018 | Professor, plant and environmental science, New Mexico State University | Representative Member |
| Pasqual, Theresa | 12/04/2015 | 12/04/2018 | Private consultant and trainer | Representative Member |
| Styron, Cory | 01/04/2017 | 01/04/2020 | Director, City of Farmington, Parks and Recreation | Representative Member |
| Verner, Frederick | 01/04/2017 | 01/04/2020 | Asset Development and Regulatory Affairs, Chevron Corporation | Representative Member |

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

The BLM's Farmington District RAC provides representative citizen council and advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management's New Mexico State Director concerning the planning and management of public land resources located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the BLM's Farmington District.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety



Trust in government



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| Major policy changes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Farmington District RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

11

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY 2018, there were no formal recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

73%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The BLM has accepted almost all of the formal recommendations made by the RAC.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

9%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The BLM has accepted almost all of the formal recommendations made by the RAC.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Farmington District management provides the RAC with feedback at subsequent meetings on how its discussions and recommendations have been incorporated into management actions.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

| | Checked if Applies |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

Not Applicable